

Maui County Council on Aging

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COUNCIL ON AGING
August 13, 2019
12:30 p.m.
J. Walter Cameron Center
95 Mahalani Street
Wailuku. HI 96793

Call to Order: 12:35 p.m.

Introductions

Members Present: Mei Lani Aki, Judith Mikami, Lois Prey, Hannah Werth, Debra Cabebe, Vivian Lindsey, Brian Hauser, Susan Lussier, Leonardo Sequeira and County Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura

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Members Excused: Kathleen Harrowby, Katherine Smith, and Doreen Forsberg

Members Absent: Miguel Morales

Guests Present: None

County Staff Present: Deborah Stone-Walls (Office on Aging), Alida Murray (Office on Aging), Claudette

Medeiros (Office on Aging), Kevin Dusenbury (Office on Aging, Jerrie Sheppard (Deputy Corporate

Counsel)

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action
Item		
Call to Order	Introductions of Members and County Staff Present	
	Since the Chair was currently vacant, Councilmember Prey agreed to facilitate the meeting.	
Review/Approve	Members reviewed the June 4 meeting minutes.	Councilmember
Minutes		Sugimura moved to
		approve the minutes;
		Councilmember
		Werth seconded.
		Motion carried
		unanimously.
New Business	a. Nomination for Vacant Position Openings	Councilmember
	i. Chair (for the 2019-2020 Board Year)	Lindsey nominated
		Councilmember Prey
		as Chair. No further
		nominations. Move
		to close nominations



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		nd affirm Lois Pre as Chair. Motion	
		arried unanimously	
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Regional/Area	a. Council Member, Judy Mikami, reported that the Social Security		
Reports	workshop was held on Molokai and 70 people attended.		
	Ms. Mikami spoke about an upcoming focus group to be held in		
	September on Molokai regarding the opioid abuse problem. This		
	is the first of several focus groups to be held as part of a planning		
	grant to identify 6 areas in the County regarding opioid abuse.		
	A discussion ensured regarding litigation against pharmaceutical		
	companies.		
	Council Member, Deborah Stone-Walls suggested that an item for		
	a presentation regarding opioid abuse among seniors be added to		
MCOA Report	the agenda for the next meeting.		
	Deborah Stone-Walls (Executive on Aging) presented a snapshot		
	of the past year. A document was distributed that showed the		
	number of unduplicated services provided to seniors by the Office		
	on Aging from July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019. Ms. Stone-Walls		
	reviewed some of the services and noted, in particular, the		
	downward trend of congregate meals and the upward trend of		
	home-delivered meals. One reason, she cited for this change,		
	may be the impact of expanded home-delivered meal service		
	through the service provider, Mom's Meals. Due to the strict		
	guidelines regarding the temperature of home-delivered meals by		
	Kaunoa, the geographic range is limited. Mom's meals are		
	delivered via Fed Ex in a cooler box. The food is cold, but not		
	frozen and a cooler box contains two-weeks' worth of meals. In		
	addition, Mom's Meals can deliver 7 days a week. Kaunoa		
	delivers 5 days a week. Mom's Meals is able to deliver cold		
	meals to the areas that Kaunoa cannot go to due to the		
	temperature restrictions. A question was raised regarding the cost		
	factor. Ms. Stone-Walls noted that the cost factor of the select		
	meals is high \$17.75-\$18.75, however, the County Council		
	provides almost \$1m to cover the cost of food. A question was		
	asked about using a local vendor. Ms. Stone-Walls reported that		
	local vendors were researched, but none would be able to meet		
	the delivery capacity. Through participants' voluntary		
	contributions, the Office on Aging received approximately		
	\$200,000 which goes back into the program. Further, she noted,		
	most a people receiving Mom's Meals receive no other services		
	and these are participants that previously were not being served.		
	Ms. Stone-Walls noted that food security is a major indicator in		
	the social determinate of health, if you don't have nutrition, you		
	don't stay healthy.		



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	Claudette Medeiros (Office on Aging) reported on the EnhanceFitness Program. In the month of September, there will be 3 separate recognition events for EnhanceFitness participants, instructors and the sites that have allowed classes to take place during the week. There are about 380 participants. Of those, 65 participants have been with the program since the beginning. The oldest participant is 101 years-old, the youngest, a caregiver, is 54 years-old. EnhanceFitness is an evidence-based program. Currently with the data for the past 7 years of the program available, we can see that 80% of the participants are either maintaining or improving in the areas of agility, balance, strength and walking speed.	
Additional Information	a. Legislative Update: Deferred to next meeting.	
Upcoming Events and Additional Information	 b. 2019 Senior Fair – October 26, 2019 War Memorial Gymnasium – 7:30 am – 11:30 am c. Caregivers Conference – November 22, 2019 Grand Wailea - 8:00 am – 3:30 pm 	
Agenda Items for Future Meetings		
Next Meeting Date	J. Walter Cameron Center October 8, 2019 Time: 12:30 p.m.	
Adjournment	1:35 p.m.	Chair Prey adjourned the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.